EXCISE.

(Nos. 202-206.)

SUBJECT No. 202.

Control over the Taluk Excise Department.

Messrs. Venkatasubbaiya & Ramaswamy Setty, Arkalgud Taluk.

Withdrawn.

SUBJECT No. 203.

Excise khists.

Mr. B. Kesaviah, Chikmagalur Taluk.

Summary of discussion.—All taxes payable to Government are generally paid on or before the 10th of the month following that to which they relate. But the excise khists are made payable on the 20th of the month to which they relate. This is a hardship on the excise contractors who have given necessary security to Government. It is therefore prayed that orders may be passed allowing the excise khists to be paid like all other taxes on the 10th of the month following that to which they relate.

Reply of Government.—The Mysore rules are more favorable to the licensee than the corresponding rules of Bombay and Madras. The Government will be within their rights if they insist on the payment of the whole rental at once, but, they have relaxed the rule in the licensee's favor. The request of the member cannot be granted.

SUBJECT No. 204.

Arrack of 25 U. P.

Mr. B. Kesaviah, Chikmagalur Taluk.

Withdrawn.

SUBJECT No. 205.

Bagani trees on hiduvali ands.

Messrs. T. Narasinga Rao, North Mysore Native Planters' Association, B. Subramanya Bhatta, and Halgar Subbaraya, Koppa Taluk

Summary of discussion.—Landholders in the malnad may be allowed to tap bagani trees on their lands for their *bona fide* use. This subject has been brought forward more than once. The ryots of malnad have lost their hold on the coolies chiefly by reason of their having lost their right to bagani trees.

Messrs. C. Srinivasa Rao, C. Vasudeva Rao, Malali Venkataramaiya and other members from the malnad taluks also spoke on the subject and represented that the existing system needed considerable alterations in respect of bagani trees; that in the malnad agricultural labourers cannot do without a drink of toddy every day and that if restrictions are placed upon drawing toddy from bagani trees, they will go in search of it to distant toddy shops and get drunk and absent themselves from labour, thus causing inconvenience and loss to their employers; that this class of labourers has from time immemorial been accustomed to drinking toddy; and that it is therefore essential to give them facilities to draw toddy from trees standing on or near the lands in which they generally work.